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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO USUN NEW YORK ADDIS ABABA  
OSLO INFO CAPE TOWN LISBON LONDON PARIS MARCH 15, 1973  
FROM SECSTATE REPEATED

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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, UN, OAU  
SUBJECT: US ATTENDANCE AT OSLO CONFERENCE

LONDON FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM

REF: ( A ) USUN A-1759, DATED DECEMBER 12, 1972  
( B ) STATE 06648  
( C ) STATE 046443

1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO UNSYG  
OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO  
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NOTIFY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES WHEN DELIVERED.

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO HIS NOTE OF JANUARY 12, 1973, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED, CONCERNING THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INVITATION TO THE US GOVERNMENT TO NAME EXPERTS TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PROGRESS TOWARD THE EXERCISE OF SELF- DETERMINATION AND THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS COMMITMENT HAS LED IT TO GIVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THIS INVITATION. IT IS WITH REGRET, THEREFORE, THAT IT HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR A FRUITFUL DISCUSSION OF SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF DECOLONIZATION AND APARTHEID DO NOT EXIST UNDER THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION. END QUOTE.

2. AFTER MISSION DELIVERS NOTE TO OFFICE THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, REQUEST THAT IT FOLLOW- UP WITH PERSONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL DJERMAKOYE, WHO IS UN REPRESENTATIVE ON ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT IN STRONG TERMS THAT OUR DECISION NOT TO ATTEND IN NO WAY LESSENS OUR INTEREST IN PROMOTING SELF- DETERMINATION AND RACIAL EQUALITY IN THE AREA, NOR DOES IT INVALIDATE THE ACTION WE HAVE TAKEN IN THE SUPPORT OF REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WHAT IT DOES REFLECT IS OUR CAREFULLY ARRIVED AT, INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT, BASED ON RESERVATIONS WHICH DJERMAKOYE WILL RECALL WE HAVE HAD FROM THE BEGINNING, CONCERNING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE. YOU MAY DRAW ON OUR PREVIOUS NOTE AND STATE 046443 ( EXCEPT FOR PARA 3 A) AND ITS REFTELS TO EXPLAIN THESE RESERVATIONS.

3. FOR OSLO AND ADDIS ABABA: YOU MAY PROCEED DELIVER TEXT OF ABOVE NOTE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND MAKE APPROACHES PARALLEL TO THAT BEING MADE TO DJERMAKOYE. ROGERS  
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